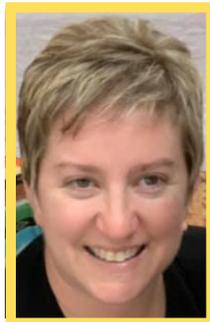


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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL

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## Adrian Sperduto

2020-2021 President

What a great time of year it is. The weather has warmed up, school is almost out (WooHoo!!) and summer is almost here. It is also the time of year when we are wrapping up what our chapters have done and are looking forward to summer convention.

As I shared before, our convention this year will be held over Zoom. It will be on June 12th starting at 10 am. If you did not receive an email with the Evite to the convention, you can also access it by [clicking here](#) to RSVP. If you would like to be guaranteed a goodie bag, please let us know you will be coming by May 17th so Xi Chi can get bags packed and mailed off to everyone before the convention. Hopefully, this will be the last ESA state meeting that will need to take place completely online and we will get to see each other again in person soon.

I thank everyone who has invited me to the few events that have begun to take place in person. I know I haven't made it to many, but it has been nice to see what everyone has begun to do in person and I look forward to seeing more and more events happen.



As a state, I am very proud of how we weathered the pandemic. As I reflect on my year as president, though it was different than anyone could have imagined, I feel as though I was meant to be president during this time. Helping with bringing more technology to us as a state has been something that I am proud of and hope that we can continue to use in the future. It is great to be able to have more people join meetings and events who may not be able to conveniently join in person. The more access we can give to folks, the more people will join us, and the more we can grow and thrive.

I also want to thank everyone for their help and support during this year. My executive board has been great and I would not have been able to do the job without them. I am also grateful for my appointed board who were willing to take on jobs during this unique year. So from me to all of you Thank You!

Looking forward to what the future will bring us and what great things we will do as a state as we come out of this pandemic.

See everyone on June 12th!



# 20-21 Executive Board



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People rarely succeed unless they have fun  
in what they are doing.

# 20-21 Appointed Board



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*Keep your face always toward the sunshine and shadows will fall behind you.*



# Treasurer's Report

I would like to thank Adrian and her chapter, Xi Chi for hosting the Spring 2021 Zoom meeting. It was a great meeting. It was nice see members, even if it was by Zoom.

Reminder, our year will close in June. If you have bills that you need to be reimbursed for, please get your voucher filled out ASAP and returned to me, along with your receipts. (Sharon Nichols, 921 Westgate Dr., Charleston, IL 61920) or Email it to me at [sknichols10@gmail.com](mailto:sknichols10@gmail.com).

Reminder that 2021-2022 International Council Due and the ISC Members and Chapter Dues, are due the beginning of our new year. Send International Council dues to the IC Treasurer and Illinois State Council Members dues and Chapter Dues to the ISC Treasurer by the end of September.

Please remember to get your forms turned in by the due date. Most forms are due May 10, 2021 and can be found on the ESA website, [www.esa-illinois.org](http://www.esa-illinois.org). Also, Chapter Treasurers, the Tax Facts are due in the IC office by September 15, the form is on the IC website.

This has been an uncertain time for us all. We must continue to keep things going forward. Please get your vaccine when you can, wear your mask, stay safe and remain positive.

**ISC Treasurer**  
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**ESA - ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL**  
**Spring Members Meeting March 6, 2021**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**BALANCE - September 11, 2020** **\$ 21,345.11**

**RECEIPTS**

Dues - 202 @ \$15.00	\$ 3,030.00
Chapter Assessments - 5 @ 25.00	\$ 125.00
MAL - 1 @ \$15.00	\$ 15.00
Interest - September	\$ 0.17
Interest - October	\$ 0.19
Interest - November	\$ 0.21
Interest - December	\$ 0.21
Interest - January	\$ 0.20
Interest - February	\$ 0.19
Return of 2020 Convention Start up Funds donation :	\$ 500.00
Beta Kappa overpayment of members dues in November 2020	\$ 2.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **\$ 3,723.17**

**TOTAL INCOME:** **\$ 25,068.28**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Budget Account	Check number	Date	Paid To / Discription	Amount
6005	1222	12/23/2020	Misty Douglas / Leadership Registration	\$ 145.00
2001	1223	3/5/2021	Return of Overpayment of members dues to Beta Kappa	\$ 2.00

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** **\$ 147.00**

**BALANCE as of March 5, 2021** **\$ 24,921.28**

Total Number of members paid = 278 Total Number of Chapters paid = 13 Total Number of MALs paid = 1

Date Paid	Chapter (Members # - If Date Paid is blank, last years #)
9/11/2020	Alpha Alpha (8) #5266
9/27/2020	Alpha Beta(79) #B153 (ISU)
9/26/2020	Alpha Chi (84) #B197 (SIU-E)
no members	Alpha Epsilon #B117 (EIU)
8/1/2020	Alpha Upsilon (15) #644
11/4/2020	Beta Kappa(4) #5613
9/8/2020	Beta Mu(12) #4199
9/5/2020	Beta Psi(8) #4062
9/8/2020	Beta Zeta(14) #4061
8/27/2020	Delta Chi (5) #5546
9-10-020	Epilson Zeta(4) #2668
11/14/2020	Gamma Chi(11) #4289
10/16/2020	Omega Nu (24) #5382
8/28/2020	Xi Chi (10) #5456

Not Renewing Beta Eta(9) #3696

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Illinois State Council  
 Epsilon Sigma Alpha  
 Sharon Nichols, Treasurer



# Parliamentarian Report

Hope your spring is off to a good start! This past year we have faced many unprecedented happenings, and it appears that we will finally be emerging from some of the safety restrictions later this summer as the vaccines become more readily available.

I would like to request each officer (elected and appointed) and committee chair/member to review the Ops Manual on the website and let me know of any changes that may be necessary.

In an effort to help sustain the Illinois State Council, the Executive Board approved the following proposed bylaw changes and presented them at the Spring event to the membership. They, along with the proposed standing rule changes, will be voted on at the annual convention. If you have any questions regarding these changes, please reach out to any member of the Executive Board or me.

## **Currently Reads:**

### ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS

Section 1. Officers shall be elected to serve for one year or until their successors are elected. Their term shall begin at the close of the annual convention.

## **Proposed to read:**

### ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS

Section 1. Officers shall be elected to serve for two years or until their successors are elected. Their term shall begin at the close of the annual convention.

**Reason:** To add more stability to the executive board, give officers more time to learn the duties of the respective office, and help the succession plan. If passed, this will begin with the current executive board which will repeat for the 2021-2022 year.

### ARTICLE VIII – VOTING

Add Section 5. Electronic voting, in matters that require urgency, a vote may be conducted by electronic mail (email) which must be ratified to be part of the official minutes at the next meeting.

**Reason:** To officially outline the way electronic voting is to be conducted.

**Currently reads:**

ARTICLE XI – DUTIES OF APPOINTED OFFICERS

Section 1 Item B. Parliamentarian must be thoroughly familiar with the contents of the ISC Bylaws, parliamentary procedure and with the parliamentary authority adopted by the ISC. She/he shall serve as the President’s advisor and consultant on procedural matters. She/he shall give her/his advice to the presiding officer on all procedural inquiries. Shall prepare amendments and additions to the Bylaws and Standing Rules submitted by chapters and by members of the ISC for approval by the ISC executive board and submission to the membership.

**Proposed to read:**

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**Reason:** to add the duties of the keeping the Ops Manual up to date and coordinate any changes under the office of Parliamentarian

**Currently Reads:**

ARTICLE XIII – MEETINGS AND CONVENTION

Section 1. The annual convention of the ISC shall be held in June and shall be known as the Illinois State Convention. The host city shall be selected in advance based on the bids submitted by chapters wishing to host convention, in the case more than one-chapter bids then the majority vote will determine the location.

**Proposed to read:**

Section 1. The annual convention of the ISC shall be held in June, any exception (including date and format) must be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board. It shall be known as the Illinois State Convention. The host city shall be selected in advance based on the bids submitted by chapters wishing to host convention, in the case more than one-chapter bids then the majority vote will determine the location.

**Reason:** To officially account for changes in the time and format that need to be implemented to date and/or meeting format due to unforeseen natural disasters, fires, floods, pandemics.

**Currently reads:**

Section 2. Two meetings of the ISC Advisory Board shall be held in September and March, any exceptions from these months must be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board. The host city shall be selected in advance based on the bids submitted by chapters wishing to host the advisory meetings, in the case more than one-chapter bids then the majority vote will determine the location.

**Reason:** To officially account for changes in the format that need to be implemented to date and/or meeting format due to unforeseen natural disasters, fires, floods, pandemics.

### **Addition of new article**

#### **ARTICLE XVI – Dissolution**

Although the period of duration of the council is perpetual, if for any reason the council is to be dissolved or otherwise terminated, no part of the property of the council or any of the proceeds shall be distributed to the benefit of any of the officers or members of the councils. Upon the dissolution of the council, assets shall be distributed by the executive board to state and international projects, and the Illinois/Charles B. Atchison ESA Foundation endowment. The flags shall be donated to a VFW decided by the executive board.

**Reason:** To officially outline the way dissolution of the council is to be managed.

### **Proposed Standing Rule changes**

#### **Currently Reads:**

12. The ISC Treasury shall pay travel and registration fee expenses as designated in the approved budget for President-Elect to attend the annual Leadership Conference.

#### **Proposed to Read:**

12. The ISC Treasury shall pay travel and registration fee expenses as designated in the approved budget for President or President-Elect (year installed) to attend the annual Leadership Conference.

**Reason:** to account for the 2-year term of officers

#### **Currently Reads:**

21. The ISC Treasury shall pay the meal costs for the President-Elect's two guests attending the Saturday evening banquet and one guest for Sunday Brunch.

#### **Proposed to Read:**

21. The ISC Treasury shall pay the meal costs for the President or President-Elect's (year installed) two guests attending the Saturday evening banquet and one guest for Sunday Brunch.

**Reason:** to account for the 2-year term of officers

### **Add new standing rule**

35. The ISC Treasury is fiscally responsible for any attrition fees for the annual state convention.

**Reason:** To officially outline the Illinois State Council is fiscally responsible for attrition fees for the annual state convention.

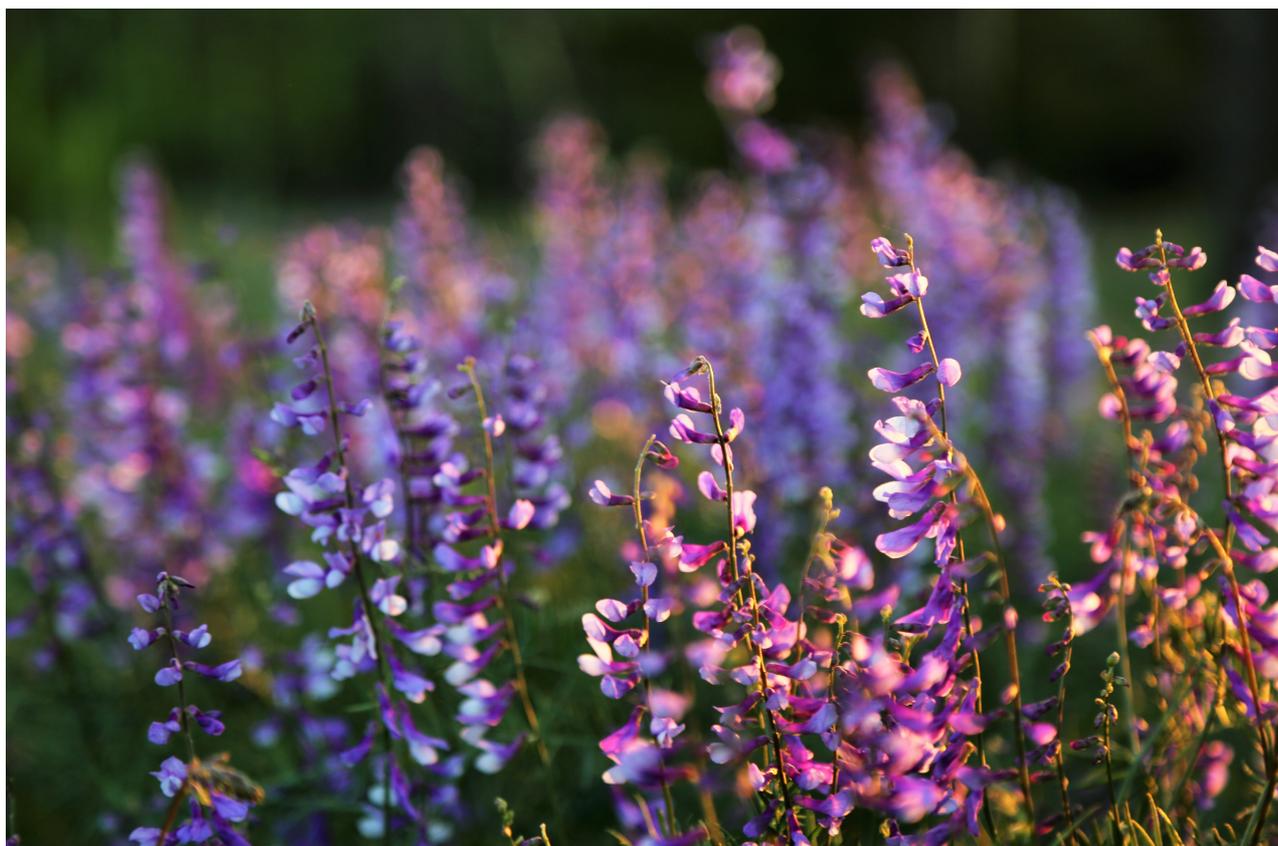


# MARC Report



Many of our Chapters are still being safe amidst the Covid virus and meeting virtually... that's ok! Several of our usual fundraising events have been put on hold ... it's sad, but ok! Our Executive Board Officers have decided to hold our June State Convention virtually ... that's ok! A lot of our schools are just now getting back into school, close to the end of the 'normal' school year ... and that's ok! But as we all know, this past year has been anything but normal. So learning our IC Convention in Kentucky is a GO is one step closer to being normal. The next step is planning on attending our MARC Conference on October 8, 9, 10 in Wichita, Kansas.

Illinois is so ready to be around people again, we might be wearing ear to ear grins when you see us again ... and that dear Sister's and Brother's is quite OK♥



**Illinois State Council Spring Gathering  
Via Zoom  
Saturday, March 6, 2021**

The Illinois State Council Spring Gathering was called to order by Adrian Sperduto, ISC President, with the reading of the Opening Ritual and Pledge of Allegiance. Opening Thoughts were read by Adrian Sperduto on behalf of Vicki King, ISC Chaplain.

**Welcome** – Adrian welcomed all members and guests.

**Roll Call** – Roll call was taken from the Zoom list of participants.

**Approval of Minutes of the ISC Convention/Fall Gathering 2020**

The minutes of the Convention/Fall Spring Gathering 2020 were recorded and published in the Winter issue of the ESA'ly Yours. Kathleen Grissom, Alpha Upsilon, moved to approve the minutes as printed in the ESA'ly Yours. Edie Floyd, Beta Mu, seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Adoption of the Rules of the Meeting** -- The Rules of the Meeting were emailed prior to the meeting. Jamie Atchison, ISC Parliamentarian, moved that the rules be adopted as presented. Tricia Bayles, Beta Mu, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Parliamentarian Report** – Jamie Atchison, Parliamentarian, presented the following proposed bylaw changes which have been submitted and approved by the Executive Board to be voted on at the annual convention.

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**Reason:** To account for changes that need to be implemented due to unforeseen natural disasters, fires, floods, pandemics.

These proposed Bylaw changes will be published in the next ESA'ly Yours and voted on at the annual convention.

**Treasurer's Report**

Sharon Nichols, ISC Treasurer, presented the financials. The beginning balance was \$21,345.11. Receipts were \$3,723.17. Disbursements was \$145.00 to Misty Douglas for Leadership Registration and \$2.00 overpayment of members' dues returned to Beta Kappa for a total of \$147.00 leaving a total of \$24,921.

Sharon also reported that there were 202 paid members and 13 paid chapters. There are a total of 278 members in Illinois and 1 MAL.

**President Elect** – Misty Douglas, President-Elect, reported on her attendance at Leadership last week. Each shared what their chapters were doing during the pandemic and how they were keeping in touch. There was a discussion about how to get media involved in what the chapters are doing.

Misty presented information related to the new member portal on the ESA website and encouraged members to set up an account.

IC Convention 2021 will be held in person in Louisville, KY. There are several tours set up including Churchill Downs. Misty encouraged as many members to attend as possible as our own Celeste Webb is running for IC Workshop Coordinator

There will be a demonstration on how to hold an ESA Bingo via Zoom. This will take place on March 26.

Board nominations are due soon.

**Past President** -- Terri Crum, Past ISC President, stated that she had received donations to the Disaster Fund from two chapters so far. She noted she did not have any information about claims at this time but would report later.

**Awards** – Dalena Hall, Awards Chairman, stated that reports were due May 10. She indicated that if anyone wanted their certificates printed, she would be happy to do that. Jamie Atchison noted that she could update any forms that needed it. It was noted that mileage on the Philanthropic form needed to be updated.

**ESA for St Jude** – Suzi Coffman, St. Jude Coordinator, stated that ALSAC had developed a Boxed Event. Everything needed for the event is included in the box. There are boxes for different events.

ALSAC is transitioning to a new volunteer management software (VMS). Every member who volunteers for an ALSAC-hosted event must register. Contact Misty if you want to make sure your event has been credited.

Send ISC reports for St. Jude to Misty by May 10.

There is a letter-writing campaign underway. There is a template of a letter members can personalize and send out asking for donations. More information will be forthcoming.

Jamie Atchison announced that the Peoria St. Jude Walk is on and is scheduled for September 18, 2021. The St. Louis St. Jude Walk is September 25, 2021.

**Foundation** – Lurene Connor, reported that currently there are 54 scholarship endowments for which an Illinois resident may apply. Several of them have certain requirements for application, but there are many others. In addition, there are six that focus on Illinois and/or Iowa residents. Lurene presented the following data acquired, thanks to Kathy Lloyd of the Foundation.

In May 2021, the following will be awarded:

Billy Brockman -- \$2,475 with an endowment of \$35,103.

Illinois Charles B Atchison -- \$1,475 with an endowment of \$21,859

Leora Walton Memorial/Iowa -- \$625 with an endowment of \$11,591.

MARC -- \$1,925 with an endowment of \$28,792

Second Chance -- \$1,500 (Lurene noted she had restricted the award until the endowment reaches her goal for permanent awards.)

Lurene thanked those who had donated to the Second Chance fund helping her to reach her goal. However, she encouraged individuals and chapters to make donations to the other five scholarships. All donations to the ESA Foundation are tax deductible.

Lurene asked that all voting delegates be watching their email for electronic ballots for Foundation Officers and bylaws.

**Hope for Heroes** -- There are two ways that to help with Operation Paperback – make a monetary donation or send books directly to troops, veterans, and families. Monetary donations will help fund the purchase and shipment of high-demand genres and other special request books. As a volunteer shipper, one would collect and ship books using the addresses that provided by Hope for Heroes.

Since the pandemic, 40% of active-duty service families are facing food insecurity. Donations can be made at [Combatmilitaryhunger.org](http://Combatmilitaryhunger.org).

**MARC Rep** – This year's MARC Conference will be held October 8 – Hotel at Old Town, Wichita, KS – Room Rates are \$109-\$129. All Rooms are Studio Suites. The agenda is as follows:

October 9 – Friday, Leadership & Fun

Speakers, Grease Sing-Along Mixer,

Great Food

October 10 – Saturday, Business &  
Installation – Heart of America –  
Men’s Chorus

Members were encouraged to attend as Kim Haverkamp will be installed as President and Jill Shull as Treasurer.

**Philanthropic/State Projects** – Kim Haverkamp, Philanthropic Chair, stated that all members should be keeping track of miles and hours. Reports are due May 10, 2021.

**Social Media/Webmaster** – The following are sites where members can log on for information and to post pictures, events, etc.

Web – [www.esa-illinois.org](http://www.esa-illinois.org)

Facebook Page – [esaininois](https://www.facebook.com/esaininois)

Facebook Group – [ESA Illinois State Council](https://www.facebook.com/ESA-Illinois-State-Council)

Instagram – [illinoisstateesa](https://www.instagram.com/illinoisstateesa)

The webmaster’s email is: [esailwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:esailwebmaster@gmail.com)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – There was no Unfinished Business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**ISC Convention 2021** – Adrian stated that she had emailed a survey to members regarding whether to hold this year’s convention virtually or in person. She received only a few responses, but the majority felt it would be best virtually. Xi Chi, the host chapter, is prepared for a virtual convention to be held June 11-13, but if held in person, would need help at the convention as many of their members are unable to attend. The Executive Board discussed it and recommended the 2021 Convention be held virtually this year. A virtual meeting would be short only on Saturday with time out for lunch. It is the hope that meetings will be available both in person and virtual soon.

Dalena Hal, Omega Nu, stated she felt her chapter would be happy to help Xi Chi with an in-person convention. She will check with the chapter and report back to Adrian. If it were in person and virtual, a fee would need to be charged for watching virtually.

Dalena offered to contact Patti Green to see what would be involved if we held a one-day, in person, convention and if accommodations were available. She will get back to Adrian and the Executive Board will then meet to make a decision.

## **Announcements**

Celeste Webb’s husband, Van, is in the hospital. Anyone wishing to send a card may send it to 1120 Richmond, Mattoon, IL 61938

Scentsy is selling Little Buddies and making donations to local hospitals. St Jude is one of the hospitals. April will post information on the ISC Group Page.

**Closing Thoughts** – Adrian Sperduto read Closing Thoughts submitted by Vicki King, Chaplain.

Adrian Sperduto adjourned the meeting with the reciting of the Closing Ritual.

Submitted by Tricia Bayles, IISC Recording Secretary, Electronic Signature

Reviewed by Adrian Sperduto, Electronic Signature

